



THEODORE R. KULONGOSKI
Governor

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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW, Room 8-B201
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I support the National Broadband Plan your agency has developed and support your efforts to provide a faster Internet for all Americans to be able to enjoy and use. Oregonians are tech-savvy and increasingly reliant upon Internet connectivity, at home and on the go, in their daily lives. As your Plan notes, our success as a high-tech nation depends upon continued private investment and innovation to extend broadband services to all consumers.

We share the common goals of improving broadband speeds, making Internet access easier for all Americans, and ensuring consumer choice of applications, content, and competitive services. As the FCC moves forward on its broadband agenda, I urge you to be very thorough and deliberative in your process and reserve any final judgment on the way forward until the public process and comment cycle is complete and adequately reviewed. This is a decision that must move forward the deployment of the internet so that its innovations are available to all Americans. I am confident the process will allow a full vetting of all the issues if it is given time for a thorough discussion and debate from all interested participants.

I can assure you we in Oregon are very interested in expanding Internet access and utilizing broadband to its fullest potential. The Internet has transformed many aspects of our lives and many sectors of our state's economy as it has rapidly evolved during the last two decades. Policy decisions made now could have implications for decades to come, so great care must be taken to ensure the continued growth of the Internet and its expansion to all Americans.

Sincerely,

THEODORE R. KULONGOSKI
Governor

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